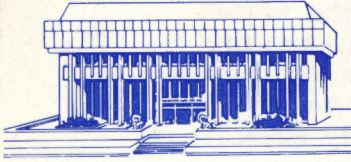


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ATTORNEY GENERAL UPHOLDS POWERS OF COUNTY LIBRARY BOARDS

An opinion issued by the Office of the Attorney General in May will strengthen public library boards of trustees in their dealings with county councils. State Librarian Betty Callahan requested the opinion as a result of a proposed ordinance in one county by which the county council would have removed the library board's authority to appoint a chief librarian, would have made the librarian responsible to council rather than the board, and would have allowed the council rather than the board to make decisions on the establishment or discontinuance of library branches and headquarters and on operating hours. In essence, the library board would have become merely an advisory body to the county council.

The question was whether the proposed amendments to the library ordinance would cause the county library system to fail to comply with Sections 4-9-35, et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The opinion was that the proposed amendments were contrary to state law in that they would remove part of the board's authority to control and manage the county library system. Richard B. Kale, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, then explored the question of whether counties are required to comply with the provisions of Section 4-9-35, et seq. He concluded, "It is clear from the title to Act 564 and the first sentence of Section 4-9-35 (A) that the General Assembly intended to create uniform county library systems, and, therefore, provided that such libraries would be managed by a board of trustees whose duties were further delineated by the General Assembly."

Since the passage of the state legislation, there has been some uncertainty as to the intent of the proviso in Section 4-9-35 (A) which says "provided, however, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the governing body of any county may by ordinance provide for the composition, function, duties, responsibilities and operation of the county library system." The Attorney General's findings are, "It would be absurd to conclude that the General Assembly would provide in the same sentence that counties shall establish by ordinance county library systems 'which ordinance shall be consistent with the provisions of this section' and then

include a proviso that the counties could by ordinance change their system to be inconsistent with the state statute. Moreover, it would defeat the stated purpose of the statute to create 'uniform' library systems. It is the opinion of this office that the proviso in Section 4-9-35 (A) merely permits the county council to further delineate the duties and responsibilities of the boards of trustees consistent with the state statute and does not permit county council to remove duties conferred on the Boards by state law."

The Assistant Attorney General again cited the title of the act as indicative of the legislative intent: "to define the relationship between county government and county library systems and to insure the continued operation and support of such libraries on a uniform basis." The conclusion of the opinion is, "It is the opinion of this office that the General Assembly required that uniform county library systems be established consistent with the provisions of Section 4-9-35, et seq., of the Code."

Any South Carolina public library desiring a copy of the opinion may request it from the State Library.

LSCA REAUTHORIZATION

Librarians interested in the details of HR 2878, the five-year reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act, may wish to contact their Representative for a copy of the Education and Labor Committee's report, H. Rept. 98-165, on the bill. The report includes a useful explanation and analysis of the changes proposed, a reproduction of the entire LSCA statute with the proposed amendments inserted, and the dissenting views which reiterate the Administration's argument that federal funds are not essential to public libraries. As of yet, no date has been set for House floor consideration.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACTION

In recent budgetary action in Congress, two South Carolina Congressional members introduced successful amendments affecting library programs -- one favorably and one adversely.

On May 19, the Senate passed its budget resolution (S.Con.Res. 27) which includes an additional \$1 billion in the education portion of the budget due to an amendment introduced by Senator Ernest Hollings to an earlier budget proposal. This brings the Senate total for education to \$15.9 billion which is less than the House-passed amount of \$16.3 billion.

On June 3, the House passed the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill (HR 3135) for FY 1984 which included an amendment introduced by Representative Thomas Hartnett to cut the funding for the Congressional Research Service by \$2.2 million.

The library at Florence-Darlington TEC displayed an exhibit on "The Life and Times of Mary McLeod Bethune" during June. The exhibit is part of the travelling exhibition program sponsored by the South Carolina Museum Commission.

HANDICAPPED BILL OF RIGHTS

During the recent legislative session, the South Carolina General Assembly passed S.394, the South Carolina Bill of Rights for Handicapped Persons. The bill essentially guarantees the handicapped "the opportunity to obtain employment, housing, full and equal use of public accommodations, public services and to make use of educational facilities without discrimination."

POSTAL SUBSIDY

On June 2, the House Appropriations Committee approved \$879 million in postal revenue foregone subsidy, the full amount needed to avoid increases in nonprofit rates through FY 1984. The amount in the bill (HR 3191) is higher than the current subsidy of \$789 million. The appropriation must be approved by both House and Senate before it becomes effective.

SUMMER REFERENCE WORKSHOP

Thirteen staff members from public libraries around the state attended USC on summer scholarships provided by the State Library as part of its in-service training program to help public and institutional library personnel improve the quality of library service. The State Library in cooperation with the College of Library and Information Science sponsored the course in Library Reference Tools and Skills which was taught by Dr. Helen Callison at the University of South Carolina during the week of May 30-June 3, 1983. The State Library has awarded these scholarship for a period of years with the goal of obtaining a greater degree of professionalism in all aspects of public library service.

REGIONAL TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Public library trustees and librarians in regions one and six met during May and June. At the region one meeting held in Conway on May 25, representatives from Horry, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Dillon counties attended. Also present were Evelyn Welborn, Chair of the SCLA Trustee Section; Paul Dove, President of SCLA; Chuck Curran, USC College of Library and Information Science; and Alice Nolte, South Carolina State Library. During the meeting, Dr. Curran addressed the group concerning changes in society and how they relate to the increasing emphasis on services and information.

Librarians and trustees from Aiken, Bamberg, and Anderson counties attended the region six trustee meeting at the Aiken County Library on June 4. Also attending were Evelyn Welborn, Alice Nolte, Carl Stone, President of the Association of Public Library Administrators, and Elaine Fontana, Piedmont TEC. Ms. Fontana described a program which will provide orientation for all types of boards and commissions in South Carolina. The program is being developed with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the technical education colleges. A portion of a three-hour video seminar on the responsibilities of boards and commissions was viewed.

The USC-Union Library has developed a special collection composed of career development information. The career collection was formed to aid students and community patrons in obtaining recent information about careers, job seeking skills, resume preparation, and interviewing techniques.

SCLA OFFICERS SLATE

The Nominating Committee of the South Carolina Library Association has placed the following names of Association members in nomination:

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Carl Stone, Anderson County Library
John Sukovich, Newberry College Library

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Cate Townsend, McCormick Public School
Lea Walsh, South Carolina State Library

SECRETARY

Mary Bull, Coastal Carolina College
Dan Koenig, Piedmont Technical College

TREASURER

David Cohen, College of Charleston

Additional nominations should be submitted to Gerda Belknap Kahn, Richland County Public Library, 1400 Sumter Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 by August 1. Each nomination must be accompanied by a petition signed by 30 Association members and a written expression of willingness to serve from the person nominated.

APLA OFFICERS

Newly-elected officers of the Association of Public Library Administrators for 1983-84 are: Pat Ryckman, Chester County Library, President; Sarah McMaster, Fairfield County Library, Vice-President/President-Elect; Emma Cottrell, Clarendon County Library, Secretary; and Penny Albright, Kershaw County Library, Treasurer.

Library Directors! PLEASE ROUTE this newsletter to other members of your library staff. The State Library frequently receives requests from library staff members to be placed on the mailing list for News for South Carolina Libraries.

Because of financial restraints, the State Library must limit its circulation to public and academic libraries and public library trustees. We depend on your cooperation to help us reach as many librarians as possible.

Reminder: Annual statistical reports are due into the State Library by August 1, 1983. Forms have been distributed to public and academic libraries in the state.

Public Library Notes

ABBE Regional: The library is operating with a new bookmobile, a 17-foot vehicle with a 2,500 volume capacity. Funding for the bookmobile was provided by four \$10,000 rural improvement fund grants, one for each of the counties in the region, and \$15,000 in federal funds.

AHJ Regional: Each member county of the regional library system has secured \$6,000 grants through their legislative delegations to assist in purchasing a new bookmobile for the region.

Beaufort County: The county council proclaimed May as "Bookmobile Awareness Month". During the month, a general refurbishing was given to the bookmobile and its collection....Library expansion needs were the topic of a local news television program on May 11. Library director Julie Zachowski discussed and illustrated the need for expanding the main library building in Beaufort.

Chester County: Old photographs of Chester County were exhibited by the library during June. The photographs were collected and copied by the library as part of a project funded in part by the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities. During a related program on June 9, Ron Chepesiuk, head of the archives department at Winthrop College, spoke on the history of photography in the South Carolina upcountry. Approximately 200 people attended the program.

Clarendon County: The library board recently announced that nearly \$250,000 has been raised for the library's building fund which has a goal of \$290,000. Preliminary architectural drawings are being completed, with construction projected to begin in September.

Colleton County: The library is currently involved in a drive to raise \$125,000 to renovate and expand the library. Local resident Gaylord Donnelly has pledged \$1 for every \$2 raised by the library, up to a maximum of \$40,000. Additional grants include \$28,000 from the Colleton County legislative delegation and \$15,800 from the county and city of Walterboro.

Edgefield County: The Edgefield Jaycees donated \$425 to assist in rebuilding the library which has been damaged by fire.

Florence County: The library sponsored a program on bicycle maintenance conducted by the service manager of a local bicycle shop on May 24....The library has added a second meeting room in response to increasing community demand. The room will be partially furnished through funds provided by the Friends group.

Greenville County: The library's brochure entitled, "Looking For a Job" will be in the Library Public Relations Council's packet of library publicity materials which is mailed out to subscribing libraries....The Symmes Foundation has awarded the library a \$300,000 grant to be used for an automated circulation system.

Laurens County: The library recently received a \$2,400 grant from the Easterby Charitable Foundation to purchase large print books. The Foundation has made such grants to the library over the past several years....During the Pride of the Piedmont Jubilee held in Laurens County May 14-22, the library exhibited various dollhouses and miniatures loaned by county residents.

Lexington County: The library is providing free check-out of Polaroid cameras in conjunction with a program being sponsored by Polaroid's Customer Service Division in cooperation with the American Library Association. Adult patrons may borrow a camera for up to three days from all branch locations.

Marlboro County: The library, in cooperation with the Marlboro Arts Council, presented a creative writing workshop at the library featuring author Bob Cumming....The library's bookmobile participated in the Jubilee Arts Festival in May....The library held an in-service training day on May 20, with lunch provided by the library board....The Marlboro Area Arts Council recently presented the library with a painting by North Carolina artist Pamela Nelson.

Oconee County: The library, in cooperation with the Continuing Education Division of Tri-County TEC, hosted a calligraphy class during May and June.

Union County: Library supporters have launched a fund drive to raise approximately \$480,000 to expand and renovate the main library building. Mr. H. B. Richardson of Union will chair the drive. Preliminary plans drawn by architect Earle Gaulden provide for an additional 6,000 square feet of space. The Union legislative delegation presented \$45,000 to the building drive from funds available through the Governor's Office.

York County: The library is planning to celebrate its centennial in 1984 and is interested in hearing from other libraries who have staged centennial celebrations. Contact Ruth Byers, Chair of the library's Centennial Celebration Committee, if you have some information to share....The library has implemented the "Check This Out" Polaroid camera project in the main library and three of its branches. Adult library patrons may borrow cameras up to a two-week period....The library reports that their personal computer program on "How to Talk Computer" and an all-day computer fair featuring local computer vendors were a great success....A series of lunchtime mini-travelogues entitled, "Brown Bag Adventures," are being planned for July.

Focusing on Serving Children

From the Desk of the Field Service Librarian for Children's Services:

BOOK INVADER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Book Invader has arrived throughout South Carolina. There has been good publicity in newspapers, often utilizing the logo. Libraries are reporting heavy participation. Below are descriptions of some of the ways libraries are promoting the program.

York County was able to include an announcement about the summer reading program in every child's report card which made parents aware of the program right at the time they were thinking about school achievement. This summer, programs countywide have been planned around a weekly theme, and bibliographies were printed on each theme for distribution at programs. Weekly themes are crafts, storytelling, mime, music and dance, dramatics, movies, and pets.

Dillon County Library promoted summer reading with appearances by Book Invader in elementary schools.

At Marlboro County Library, Book Invader appeared at the Jubilee Arts Festival in May.

The Lexington County Library has some special Book Invader Summer Reading Club members. Twenty adults from the Babcock Center for Mentally Handicapped Adults have joined and are being encouraged to read as part of their educational program. They are excited to be part of the group which sports Book Invader t-shirts. Preregistration parties for children at branches brought 300 children to the library.

Richland County Public Library opened its summer reading program with a block party that featured a folk singer, cloggers, magician, mural painting, a dunking booth with two staff volunteers dressed as book characters, and members of the Columbia Mets who gave batting tips.

Margaret Haynes made a "BI" puppet for the Laurens County Library that reviews books at weekly programs.

Union County Library held a Book Invader week in the schools. A sign-up list was posted in each school. There was a poster contest and the schools gave cash prizes. The winning posters were hung from the trees at the front of the library for the opening of the reading club.

OTHER CHILDREN'S HAPPENINGS AROUND SOUTH CAROLINA

Dillon County Library headquarters in Latta is sporting a new mural on the stairwell wall leading to the children's room. The mural is a rainbow with fluffy clouds on a sky blue background.

During the recent Pride of the Piedmont Jubilee, patrons joined Laurens County Library's children's librarian, Margaret Haynes, and bookmobile librarian, Elaine Martin, in donning costumes and walking with the bookmobile.

A series of eleven paintings which create a mural of children's book characters was recently dedicated at the Kershaw County Library. As part of the library's recent tenth anniversary reception, the pictures were dedicated to the children of Kershaw County in memory of Jean Eaton, a local artist, who spearheaded the project. Camden Art Association members painted the pictures, several of which include Camden landmarks as a backdrop to favorite book characters including Charlotte and Wilbur, the Black Stallion, and Cinderella.

Beaufort County Library is using the theme "Pirate's Plunder" for its summer reading program. They will have a preschool story hour, a film series for older children, and contests for which children can make pirate flags or treasure maps, and write a pirate poem or story. Children's librarian Laura Bacher is now reviewing for School Library Journal.

The Chopstick Theatre, two young actors who dramatize books, presented The Phantom Tollbooth, based on the book by Norton Juster at three locations of the Florence County Library system during June. The Friends of the Library sponsored the program. The library is also trying out a story hour for children five to seven during June to try to keep up book interest in children who have attended preschool story hours.

Charleston County Library had 1935 people attend their children's programs during Spoleto festival. Jane Gardner and Jane McGregor (Florence County Library) attended Storytelling in a Medieval Setting while enjoying the Spoleto Festival and were charmed by tellers in full costume telling stories which included "Stone Soup", "The Clown of God" and "The Fisherman and His Wife", with medieval songs interspersed as interludes.

Hartsville Memorial Library (Darlington County) held computer workshops for children in June to introduce them to microcomputers.

WANTED: LIBRARIES WILLING TO SHARE

Williamsburg County Library in Kingstree has asked about borrowing items such as puppets and flannel board stories from other libraries. If any library has materials they are willing to loan to other libraries, Jane Gardner at the State Library is willing to keep a master list. Libraries would need to make arrangements for loan directly with each other. Jane Gardner currently has on file several puppet scripts and flannel board patterns. The names of the flannel board patterns were listed in a memo sent to public libraries. Puppet play scripts include "The Old Sow and The Three Shoats" based on the story in Grandfather Tales, "Eeeyore Loses A Tail and Pooh Finds One", "Jack, The Giant Killer", "Crocodile and Hen", "The Story of Rose Red", "The Bremen Town Musicians", "Harry and The Terrible Whatzit", "Piggle", "The Emperor's New Clothes", and "Library Manners".

PR Ideas

Cherokee County Public Library used the "Man of the Year" theme that was used last January in Time magazine to publicize the new automation capabilities available at the library. For copies of this feature article, contact Deborah Hotchkiss at the South Carolina State Library.

The Library of Congress has travelling exhibitions available to libraries. The exhibits draw from their collection of original prints, drawings, photographs, manuscripts, films, maps, charts, music, and so forth. For information write to Dr. Kendall Taylor, Travelling Exhibitions Program, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540.

The Delaware Division of Libraries hosted a style show with local models wearing period clothing. A display of ladies' fashion magazines, pattern books and other articles of antique dress were featured. Clothing and displays were loaned by a local museum and private collectors. Fashions included a Victorian afternoon dress and a wedding dress and veil from the 20's.

There is now a "Love My Library" license plate available for \$3.00 from Midwestern Michigan Library Cooperative, 1026 E. Kearsley, Flint, Michigan 48502.

Refer-ills

PUBLICIZING FEDERAL REGISTER AND CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In the April 20, 1983 issue of Federal Register is a list of libraries that have the Federal Register and/or the Code of Federal Regulations available for public use. All federal depository libraries in South Carolina are listed, as well as the Charleston County Library and the Richland County Public Library. If your library receives either or both of these publications and is not listed, please write to Director, Federal Register, NARS, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C. 20408 to be included in the next annual listing.

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

The 1982-83 edition of the Occupational Outlook Handbook prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, can be ordered from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 for \$13.00. Stock no. 029-001-02650-1 for cloth bound edition. Paper copies are also available for \$9.00. Stock no. 029-001-02651-0.

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

For patrons who like a "long read," the American Library Association has published Sequels: An Annotated Guide to Novels in Series, by Janet Husband. The guide lists the best of the new series writers as well as time-tested favorites. Many mystery, western and science fiction series are included. Order from: Order Department, ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611 for \$22.50.

The Rockford Public Library (Illinois) has published a handbook for library pages. Copies can be ordered for \$1 from Estelle M. Black, Assistant Director, Rockford Public Library, 215 North Wyman Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101.

The second edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual prepared by the Office for Intellectual Freedom is now available for \$15 from Robert G. Hershman, Sales Manager, Publishing Division, ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The manual is designed to answer practical questions that confront librarians in applying principles of intellectual freedom to library services.

The Public Library Association of ALA has published the fifth edition of "University Press Books for Public Libraries." The annotated bibliography contains a list of titles recommended by public librarians for public libraries. Each title is categorized by expected audience, for example, general audience, special interest, etc. Librarians may obtain free copies of the bibliography by writing on their institution's letterhead to: American University Press Service, Inc., 1 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

Calendar

- July 4, 1983 S. C. State Library closed for state holiday.
- July 18, 1983 Deadline date for submission of materials to News for South Carolina Libraries for August issue.
- August 2, 1983 S. C. State Library Board meeting. Columbia: S. C. State Library. Noon.
- August 5, 1983 South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) Executive Board meeting. Columbia: S. C. State Library. 10:30 a.m.
- August 14-16, 1983 Association of Public Library Administrators meeting in conjunction with the South Carolina Association of Counties annual conference. Hilton Head. Contact: Patricia Ryckman, Chester County Library, 377-8145.
- October 13, 1983 Pre-conference on bibliographic instruction. Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group, SCLA. Greenville: Greenville Public Library. 10 a.m. - Noon. Contact: Jane Presseau, Library, Presbyterian College.
- October 13-15, 1983 South Carolina Library Association annual conference. Greenville: Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- October 18, 1983 South Carolina State Library Board meeting. Columbia: S. C. State Library. Noon.

News Notes on S.C. Librarians

...JULIA BAILEY was recently appointed Community Services and Extension Librarian at the Florence County Library....PAULINE BLANKS retired from the bookmobile department of the York County Library on June 30 after 30 years of service....DAVID COHEN, Director of the College of Charleston Library, has been appointed as Treasurer of the South Carolina Library Association.... H. PAUL DOVE, JR. has been named Director of the Rogers Library, Francis Marion College, effective July 1. Mr. Dove has been associated with the library since 1975, most recently in his capacity as Acquisitions LibrarianMIKE HAVENER recently resigned from the Reference Department at the USC Thomas Cooper Library. Mr. Havener is now associated with the University of Delaware Library....NANCY LATHAM is the new Circulation Librarian at the Lexington County Library. Mrs. Latham is a recent graduate of the College of Library and Information Science at USC....DONNA NANCE has resigned as Treasurer of the South Carolina Library Association and as Reference Librarian at the USC Thomas Cooper Library. Ms. Nance will pursue graduate studies at USC....MITCHELL REAMES retired as Director of the Rogers Library, Francis Marion College, on June 30. Mr. Reames had served as library director since 1970. Prior to that, he was associated with the University of South Carolina

library system as Assistant Director. Mr. Reames served twice as President of the South Carolina Library Association....JOHN VASSALLO is the new Assistant Reference Librarian at the Florence County Library.

News of Trustees and Friends Groups

Mrs. Eleanor Offill has been appointed to the Beaufort County Library Board of Trustees.

The Friends of the Charleston County Library held their first meeting on June 12 and also published the first issue of their newsletter recently. The group is currently making plans for a book sale and a "Reach Out and Read" festival.

Officers of the newly-formed Friends of the Chester County Library are: Susan Hastie, President; Bill White, Vice-President; Mary Beth Anderson, Secretary; and Dorothy Schumacher, Treasurer.

Mr. Robert Smith has been recently appointed to the Dillon County Library Board.

The Friends of the Edgefield County Library held a wine and cheese tasting party on June 3 in order to raise funds for a new library building. Jean Pierre Chambaas, Columbia-based wine expert and wholesaler, spoke to the group.

New officers of the Friends of the Fairfield County Library are: Kathy Fritz, President; Virginia Stevenson, Vice-President; Peggy Ayres, Secretary; and Hannah Phillips, Treasurer. The Friends held their annual meeting on May 4. Speakers for the event were Sarah Jane Polk and Julie Durand Craig, authors of Historic Holidays, A History and Travel Guide Featuring Bed and Breakfast in Carolina Villages.

The Friends of the Hilton Head Library were the beneficiaries of the proceeds from the first annual Rittermark Porche Invitational Polo Tournament. The funds will be used to purchase books on South Carolina history.

The Marlboro County Friends of the Library recently held a two-day book sale.

New officers of the Friends of the Orangeburg County Library are: Bernice Middleton, President; Rhea Ashley, Vice-President; Mary Cease, Secretary; and Marian Sauls, Treasurer.

The Friends of the Richland County Public Library sponsored Louise Shivers, author of the novel, Here to Get My Baby Out of Jail, at their annual author luncheon on May 22.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Mrs. Lilla McNulty who died on June 19. Mrs. McNulty was a retired reference librarian from the University of South Carolina.

To the family of Miss Nancy Blair who died June 13. Miss Blair had retired as Field Service Librarian, South Carolina State Library in 1972. She had formerly served as Director of the Spartanburg County Library and on the staff of the Richland County Public Library.

Carolyniana

Government in the Palmetto State. Edited by Luther F. Carter and David S. Mann. August, 1983. \$10.00. Orders to: Bureau of Governmental Research and Service, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.

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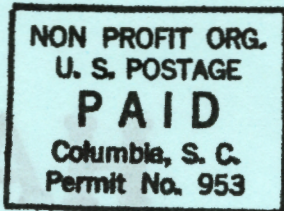
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